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KGB Runs Free at U.N.

The recent flurry of espionage cases is giving impetus to a congressional bill that would restrict the travel and activities of U.N. Secretariat employees who have been "seconded" to the United Nations.

Secretariat employees are, supposedly, international civil servants, owing their primary loyalty to the United Nations, not to their countries of origin. In reality, eastern bloc nations will permit their citizens to work for the Secretariat only on a temporary assignment, that is, they are "seconded" to the United Nations and their loyalty stays with their country.

Although diplomats from the USSR and its satellites are generally restricted in activities and travel in the United States, the "seconded" employees have no such restraints, and many of these are deeply engaged in spying operations, according to former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick. Some 800 Soviets are employed by the United Nations, with 200 suspected of being KGB agents.

Sen. William V. Roth Jr., has introduced a measure to curtail the freedom of movement of this U.N. spy net as a counter-measure to the increasing espionage in the United States.